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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109, Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

A resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I learned during Hurricane Katrina that preparedness is key when facing a natural disaster. One of the biggest challenges in the aftermath of the hurricane was the obliteration of our telecommunications infrastructure. Wireline communications, wireless networks, and radio towers sustained enormous damage that rendered us unable to communicate with local authorities, first responders, or disaster relief teams. Mississippi has taken steps to address this and ensure that we do not find ourselves completely without communication in the event of another catastrophe, but lack of reliable communication in the wake of a disaster is a growing problem nationwide.

Clearly, first responders deserve access to equipment that will enable them to communicate in any critical situation. That is why I was proud to vote in support of House Resolution 19 when it came to the floor this week. This resolution calls for the United States government to take steps to increase affordable access to wireless broadband, and specifically to examine the possibility of integrating satellite with existing broadband to meet this need.

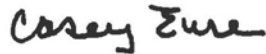
LightSquared has developed technology which can do just that. The Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that they filed with the FCC back in December asks for confirmation of its legal rights to use the spectrum licensed to it by the federal government. LightSquared has been working for over a decade to provide integrated technology that will not only come through for first responders and others in times of natural disaster, but will also provide much-needed relief for our nation's strained existing wireless infrastructure.

Since the onset, LightSquared has stayed within its licensed spectrum and has worked diligently with the GPS industry to address any interference issues. Now, as the FCC rules on whether LightSquared can continue to operate within its licensed spectrum, I urge you to consider the fact that LightSquared has worked quickly to rectify the interference concerns that have been raised to date, and that they are only operating within their licensed spectrum. It is imperative that we develop a system of

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telecommunications that will be operable even when terrestrial communications are rendered ineffective. I respectfully ask you to expeditiously consider their position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Eure". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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